Smart Searching & Online Information

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Find useful information and evaluate what you see online.

Search More Effectively

- Use specific words: “library digital literacy classes Dover” is more useful than “classes.”
- Add a location, date, or exact phrase in quotation marks when helpful.
- Check the date of articles and search results, especially for changing information.

Before Trusting a Claim, Ask

1. Who published it, and what expertise or evidence do they provide?
2. Is this news, opinion, advertisement, satire, or AI-generated material?
3. Does another credible, independent source confirm the claim?
4. Are images, headlines, or statistics missing important context?

Practice Activity

Search for a current public-service announcement or consumer alert. Compare the original organization’s page with a social media post about it. Note what is consistent and what is missing.

My Credibility Check

Claim or website I checked:

Independent source I used:

Search rankings and AI-generated summaries can contain errors. Confirm consequential information with primary sources.